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SUBJ: VISIT OF RABBI ISRAEL MILLER

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 3964, (B) STATE 142527

1. RABBI MILLER'S NEGATIVE REACTION TO A VISIT TO BUCHAREST AT THIS CRITICAL JUNCTURE IS DISAPPOINTING, TO PUT IT MILDLY (REF A). MY PRINCIPAL PURPOSE IN TRYING TO PERSUADE HIM TO COME NOW WAS NOT BASED ON ANY EXPECTATION THAT AT THE CONCLUSION OF HIS VISIT HE WOULD NECESSARILY FEEL IN A POSITION TO STATE PUBLICLY HE IS SATISFIED BY THE INCREASE IN EMIGRATION. ESSENTIALLY WHAT I HOPED WAS THAT HE COULD BE SIMPLY EXPOSED MORE DIRECTLY ON THE SPOT TO THE PERSONALITIES WHO ARE INFLUENCING POLICY ON THIS MATTER AND WOULD EMERGE WITH A MORE COMPLETE PICTURE OF THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION. WHEN I HAD TALKED TO HIM IN WASHINGTON, HE HAD LEANED IN THE DIRECTION OF COMING HERE AFTER GENEVA.

2. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT HIS VIEWS ARE LACKING IN BOTH ACCURACY (WITH RESPECT TO STATISTICS) AND IN PERSPECTIVE. RABBI ROSEN WILL BE MAKING AN EFFORT THIS WEEKEND IN GENEVA IF NOT IN JERUSALEM TO UPDATE HIM ON THE FIRST POINT, BUT I THINK ONLY FIRST HAND OBSERVATIONS AND ENCOUNTERS CAN PROVIDE THE LATTER. I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER ARGUMENTS AT THIS STAGE TO PERSUADE HIM TO COME HERE THAT I CAN MAKE, HOWEVER. PERHAPS CONGRESSMAN BINGHAM

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CAN BE PERSUADED TO GET HPG TO RECONSIDER.

3. MY SENSE OF TIMING ON WHEN WE MIGHT APPROACH THE GOI FOR SUPPORT (REF B, PARA 3) IS BLURRED BY MY LACK OF FEEL FOR THE DAY-TO-DAY DEVELOPMENTS ON THE HILL. UNLESS THE SITUATION HAS DRASTICALLY CHANGED FOR THE BETTER SINCE MY DEPARTURE, I AM INCLINED TO FEEL WE SHOULD MOVE ON THIS SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. TO CONFIRM WHEN RABBI MILLER WAS TOLD (PARA 6 REF A). I ASSUME THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER BOTH AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FROM THE GOI AS WELL AS SOME "UNOFFICIAL" SUPPORTIVE ASSISTANCE WITH VARIOUS AMERICAN JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS.

4. DEPARTMENT REPEAT TEL AVIV IF DESIRED.
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